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Samuel G. Gilbert

GROUP ART UNIT:

3736

INVENTION:

**MINIATURE MAGNETOMECHANICAL TAG
FOR DETECTING SURGICAL SPONGES AND IMPLEMENTS**

INVENTOR(s): Carl E. Fabian et al.

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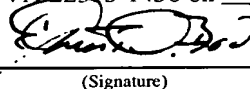
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In re Application of:	Carl E. Fabian et al.	Group Art Unit:	3736
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.